

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of all claims now pending in the above-identified patent application (*i.e.*, Claims 24-35) are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

At the outset, Applicant and his attorney wish to thank the Examiner for his indication of the allowability of the subject matter of dependent Claim 19 as part of the first Office Action.

Accordingly, by the present claim amendments, Applicant has cancelled prior Claims 11-23 and has substituted therefor new Claims 24-35, of which Claim 24 now represents the single independent claim pending in the patent application and recites the combined subject matter of prior Claims 11 and 19 (*i.e.*, presents the subject matter of dependent Claim 19 in independent form), and is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant has also added new Claims 25-35, which “track” the subject matter of prior dependent Claims 12-18 and 20-23, are dependent upon new independent Claim 24 and are therefore also contended to be in condition for allowance at this time.

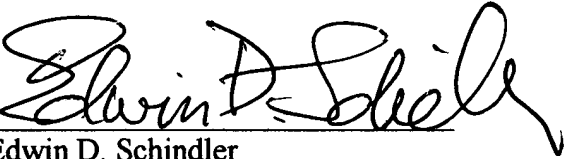
The newly-entered set of claims recites the element “annular lower part,” which is denoted in the drawing figures by reference number “3.” At various portions of prior Claims 11-23, this element was inadvertently recited as “lower annular part.” New Claims 24-35 recite solely “annular lower part” for consistency, clarity and definiteness.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art rejections of the first Office Action are now moot.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully contended that all claims now pending in the above-identified patent application (*i.e.*, Claims 24-35) recite novel and efficient effervescent tablet dispenser, which is patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and the allowance of all claims now pending are now respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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